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LAUS DEO. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM.

GENEALOGIES.

THE COPY OF MY GRANDFATHER'S AND FATHER'S MEMORIALS
OF THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, OF THE DAYS OF THEIR
BIRTHS, BY WHOM CHRISTENED, AND WHO WERE GODFATHERS.

Coppy'd by me att Ballynekill of the Queens County in
the year of our Lord God 1658 : being ye 5th year
of our Banishment by Cromwell,
who then reign'd by
the title of

PROTECTOR.

And again Transcribed in Kilkenny in the year of our
Lord God, 1679, being the 16th year after my return into
my Ancestors' house, and the 19th year of the King's Re-
storation.

With several additions to my said Father's writings.
A Narative of my Captivity and Sufferance in Salle, of
my deliverance from them by God's Mercy, and of the
nativity & christening of my Children, for the example of
Posterity, to be by them Immitated.

Sit nomen domini benedictum in Secula.

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Nicholas Langton Fitz Richard Fitz John of the House of Low in Lancashire.

I was born¹ upon Lammas day 1562, my Father deceased the 18th of May, 1566.

I* contracted my wife, Lettice Danniell, upon New Years day in Anno 1587, & by reason we were found to be of kindred 3 & 4 degrees, we could not marry, until a dispensation were had, and myself being bound for England, thereafter I came home, I travelled to Connaught, to Bishop Mukdowny,² and got his dispensation for the kindred, & was married unto my first wife on Midsummer Eve, Anno 1588, by whom I had children as followeth—

1. My Son James Langton,† was born the 27th day September 1589 early in Morning, whose godfathers James Butler fitz Edward & Nicholas White of Waterford, Merchant, and godmother Margaret Archer y^e wife of James Archer fitz Richard.

2. My Son Mathew Langton was born the 21 day of September Anno 1590 being St. Mathew's day, whose godfathers were James Archer fitz Richard and Nicholas Wale, and godmother Megg Archdeacon y^e wife of Walter Ryan.

* My Grandfather³ died on the 21st of December 1632 in the house of Grenan after he had finished it, and by reason he was very big and pursive, being dead, he was Embowelled and confined there, and brought by boat to Kilkenny and buried in his own Monument⁴ in the great Quire of St. Johns Abbey.

† My Uncle James was married unto Mirion Roth fitz John by whom he had Sons and Daughters to y^e number of 25; of whom some were married, namely—Joseph unto Mary Butler who died in January 1676 and left alive with her 4 boys and 4 girls; Dominick unto Margaret Cullin, he's now living, hath a son named Michael; John⁵ unto Rose Randol, now living, have a son & daughter, Michael and Mary. The sons of Joseph are James, Pierce, Nicholas, and Joseph. Rose was married unto Neal Cullin,⁶ whose Sons and daughters dyed. Frances married unto Thomas Langton, who hath a son living named James. Lucy married Antho. St.

¹ This is the writing of Alderman Nicholas Langton, grandfather to the transcriber.

² Thomas Strong was consecrated R. C. Bp. of Ossory in 1582, on the 29 of March; he died in 1601, but for a long time prior to his death he resided at Compostella, in Spain (Burk's "Hib. Dominicana," Suppl., p. 869), which accounts for the necessity of Nicholas Langton going to Connaught in 1588 to seek a bishop of the Church to which he belonged.

³ This is the commentary of the transcriber, Nicholas fitz Michael, the grandson of Alderman Nicholas Langton, and throughout whose "writings," and those of his son Michael it is continued.

⁴ As stated at page 79, this monu-

ment is not now in existence. Commodities for the market of Kilkenny used at the period to be brought down from the Queen's County in small boats, called cots, on the River Nore, a means of traffic which has been long since prevented by the erection of mill weirs.

⁵ This John Langton, third son of James, was a merchant of Kilkenny, and about the year 1660 struck a penny token, bearing the family arms on the obverse. (See Plate facing page 62, figures 8 and 9).

⁶ The inscription on a mural tomb at St. John's Abbey informs us that—"Neale Cullon, citizen of Kilkennie, built this monument for his dearly beloved wife Rose Langton, deceased the 4th of October, 1646, his father John Cullon,

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3. My Son Stephen Langton was born the Second day of August 1591 whose godfather was Nicholas Wale and godmother Margaret Archer wife to James Archer Fitz Richard.

4. My Son Michael Langton was born y^e 4th day of September 1592, whose godfather was Walter Ryan, & godmother Ellen Ragett, the wife of Nicholas Wale.

5. My Son Joseph Langton* was born the 25th day of March Anno 1594, being the day of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, betwixt the hours of 10 & 11 of the Clock at night; whose Godfather was Nicholas Wale, and Godmother Elizabeth Shee, daughter to Mr. Henry Shee,¹ at which time his mother & myself made a promise to do our Indea-vours that he should be a Priest, God give him grace so to be Amen.

6. My Son Peter Langton, was born y^e second day of August an. 1595 whose godfather was Richard Wale and godmother Elizabeth Brimingham y^e wife of Walter Archer y^e Elder.

7. My Daughter Nichol Langton† was born y^e 19th day of Novem-

Leger;² has two sons Antho. & Bartho. Margaret marryd into Adam Lawles,³ hath a son & a daughter living, vidz., James & Cath. Mary and Catherine married obscurely. My said Uncle dyed of a palsy wherewith he was sick for 12 months, and was brought by boat from Grennan & buried in my Father's Tomb in St. Johns Abby.

* He was a Dominican Fryar, & reputed to be the best Preacher y^t was in his time. He took Orders in Valladolid where he preached often before the King and Queen of Spain to y^e great Satisfaction of the Spaniards. He continued after in Ireland near 30 years, where he converted many to the Catholick Religion, chased devils out of Many possessed Bodies, & was admired for Sanctity of life. In the year 1652, he, with many other Priests & Friers, in obedience to Cromwell's Proclamation, transported him for Spain, where he continued his wonted preaching, & died at his Convent at Valladolid, in the year 1659, where he was honorably buried, & was esteemed for a Holy Man.

† My said Aunt was married unto Thomas Shee, who was killed at Durrow, by

his mother Ellen Seix, himself and his posteritie." The following distich is beneath:—

"My virtue death heere seems to oversway
My virtue's fruit by death will ne'er decay."

Over the inscription is an escutcheon of the arms of Cullen:—*gu. a garbe, with a crescent for difference, or, between three dexter hands of the same, one in chief and two per fess, in base three trefoils slipped vert* impaling a shield which represents the arms of his mother and wife emblazoned *per fess, in chief, or, a lion rampant gules for Seix, in base argent, three chevrons gules for Langton, crest on a helmet a dexter hand, or, motto, From virtue abundance.*

¹ This would appear to have been the Henry Shee who built the fine old Eliza-

bethan house in High-street, opposite the junction of Walkin-street. He was first cousin to Sir Richard Shee, Knight, of Upper Court and Bonnestown, and was Mayor of Kilkenny in 1610–11.

² In the depositions of 1641, Anthony Sellinger, or St. Leger, and his brother Edmond Sellinger, apothecary, are named amongst some of the citizens of Kilkenny charged by Thomas Lewis, gentleman, an English settler, with having, during the troubles of the period, despoiled him of household goods, &c., worth £40. (MS., F. 2. C. Trin. Col. Dub.)

³ Adam Lawless was elected portreve, or chief magistrate of the corporation of Irishtown, in 1636. He was a member of the family of Lawless of Talbot's Inch, near Kilkenny, from which Lord Cloncurry descends.

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ber, Anno 1596, whose Godfather was Nicholas Wale, and Godmother Ellis Purcell, the wife of Morgan Cashin the younger. My said Daughter (after her Mother's death), was called Lettice by the Bishop at Confirmation.

8. My Son Matthias Langton* was born y^e 23^d day of February Anno 1597, about y^e hour of 11 at night, being the Eve of St. Mathew; whose godfather was Walter Archer the younger, & godmother Dorothy Dunn, the wife of Barnaby Fitzpatrick.

9. My Son Francis Langton was born the 15 day of July 1599, whose Godfather was Nicholas Wale, & Godmother. Megg Archdeacon; he dyed the 25th of the same month.

10. My daughter Mary Langton† was born the 13th day of March Anno 1601, whose godfather was John Rochford, of Killarie,¹ & godmothers Elizabeth Shee and Megg Archdeacon.

11. My Daughter Jane Langton‡ was born y^e 14 day of November 1603, being Monday, about the hour of eleven in the Forenoon; whose Godfather was Thomas Purcell fitz Richard, & Godmother Elizabeth Shee, wife to John Rochford, of Killarie.

y^e Garrison of Ballinekill,² anno 1642, being y^e 2^d of the Warr; by whom she had sons & daughters. Her son Michael Shee was married unto Alson Gough, of Dublin, by whom he had sons John, Thomas, Nicholas, Stephen.

* I could hear y^t my s^d uncle was bound apprentice to my grandfather Mr. Patrick Murphy,³ and being high spirited went out of his service beyond Seas. We could hear from a Soldier that came out of Germany in the year 1641, that they knew one Mathew Langton, an Irishman, in Germany, that he dyed in an honourable condition & left a son, named Nicholas.

† W^{m.}, her Eldest Son twice married, and had a plentiful issue, his eldest son being Alexious named Nicholas; her 2^d Son was born Dumb & dyed unmarried; James, her 3^d son, had many children, & Edmond her 4th, was a Priest; her Daughter dyed young.

‡ My said Aunt married to Edmond Commerford of Castlechely who dying left her with child of a son whom she called by his fathers name.

¹ The Rochfords of Killaree were amongst the most anciently planted of the Anglo-Norman families of the county of Kilkenny. Some small remains of their feudal residence, the Black Castle of Killaree, may still be seen in the parish of Odogh.

² He was probably killed in the action which was fought shortly before Michaelmas, 1642, between Durrow and Ballinakill, by a detachment of the English garrison of the latter town, led by Lieutenant Gilbert, Ancient William Alfrey, Junr., and the Rev. Thomas Bingham, against some of the troops of the Council of Confederate Catholics, under the command of Edmond and Ed-

ward Butler, the two eldest sons of Lord Mountgarrett, and Captain Gerald Blanchville, of Blanchvilvestown. The former, being vastly outnumbered, were totally routed, and the heads of their leaders, who were slain, are alleged to have been brought to Kilkenny and exposed on the Market Cross. On the side of the Confederates, Captain Walter Butler and several others fell. (Depositions of 1641, MS., F. 2. C., Trin. Col. Dublin).

³ Patrick Murphy filled the office of mayor of Kilkenny in 1642-3. His tomb, an altar and mural monument combined, in the *renaissance* style, may be seen in St. Canice's Cathedral.

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The 27th day of August 1604, my Mother¹ dyed at Cloghreane being the year of the great infection,² and was buried in our Ladies Quire in St. Johns Abby, by reason she could not be buried in the great Tombe where my Father was buried. My said wife dyed the 3^d day of September 1604, about the hour of eleven at night, being the year of the Infection. She left of the afores^d children alive, seven, Viz^t 4 Sons & 3 daughters, God bless them. This was to me a doleful day having lost the rarest jewel of a wife y^t any man of my rank had time out of mind. She was buried at St. Johns Abby, where I mean, God willing, to be buried myself.

“ The 18th day of April 1605 I married my second wife Nichol Archer being youngest daughter of Patrick Archer fitz Edward,³ by whom I had children as follows :—

1. My Son Michael Langton was born y^e 26 day of September Anno 1606, whose godfather was Mr. Walter Ryan, & godmother Mrs. Bess Shee, wife to Mr. Walter Archer; he was baptized by his Uncle S^r Pierce Archer, and confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

2. My Daughter Catherine Langton* was born the 29th day of November Anno 1607, whose godfather was Walter Ryan, & godmother Mrs. Bess Wemble; she was baptized by S^r Pierce Archer, & confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

3. My Son Edward Langton† was born on Maunday thursday in passion week, being y^e 7th of April 1609, whose godfather was Mr. Walter Archer,⁴ & godmother Mrs. Ellen Butler, wife to Mr. Oliver Shortall.⁵ He was baptized by S^r Pierce Archer, & confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

* My Aunt was married to Mr. Luke Raggett by whom she had a plentiful Issue which dyed young.

† My Uncle was married unto Mrs. Megg Archdeacon fitz^c Nicholas, who dyed

¹ Nicholas Langton does not mention his mother's name; but in the Spanish pedigree she is stated to have been Isabel, daughter of William Blanchville, of Blanchvilletown, Esq., a family of great respectability, which frequently intermarried with the House of Ormonde. William was probably a younger son. Edmond Blanchville, who married a niece of Piers, Earl of Ormonde, seems to have been proprietor of Blanchvilletown at the period.

² The plague which, in 1603, ravaged England, and struck terror into the Court of King James I., in London, does not appear to have reached Kilkenny till the middle of the following year. In October, 1604, the corporation of Irish-town were engaged in taking sanitary measures with the hope of abating its virulence.

³ Patrick Archer was elected sovereign of Kilkenny, in 1601, and mayor in 1611.

⁴ Walter Archer was elected mayor of Kilkenny in 1621.

⁵ This was Lady Ellen Shortall, her husband having been subsequently knighted. She was daughter to John Butler, of Kilcass, Esq., and sister of Walter eleventh Earl of Ormonde. She first married Nicholas Shortall, of Upper Claragh, Esq.; but he having died 14th September, 1600, she soon after married Oliver Shortall, of Ballylarkin and Castledogh, Esq., who some years later received the honour of knighthood. She was married a third time to a member of the Fitzpatrick family.

⁶ Nicholas Archdeakin was one of the two sheriffs of the city of Kilkenny, for the year 1631–2.

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4. My Daughter Beale Langton* was born y^e 3^d day of November Anno 1610, whose godfather was Mr. Thomas Purcell, of Garryduff, & godmother Ellinor Purcell, Waton of Groves wife; she was baptized by S^r Laurence Rineghan,¹ and confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

5. My Daughter Margaret Langton† was born the 8th day of X^{ber} anno 1611; whose godfather was Mr. Walter Ryan, & godmother Mrs. Bess Wemble; she was baptized by S^r Laurence Rineghan, and confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

6. My Son Thomas Langton was born on new years day Anno 1612, whose godfather was Mr. Robert Purcell, & godmother Mrs. Joane St. Leger; he was baptized by S^r Thomas Horahan² & dyed y^e 3^d day after his birth.

7, 8. My daughters Anstace Langton‡ & Cate Langton were born upon Christmas day in the morning Anno 1613; they were baptized by S^r Thomas Horahan; Anstace her godfather was Mr. Nicholas Douling, and godmother Mrs. Joane St. Leger. Cate her godfather was Mr. John Roth fitz John fitz Pierce; and godmother Mrs. Cisy Archer fitz Pierce,

soon and left him two sons & a daughter; y^e sons dyed young of the great Infection³ añ^o 1650, so did my s^d uncle, & left y^e daughter to y^e charge of my father & mother, who bread her as their own; & after my Fathers death she was brought up by my mother, and married unto Mr. Michael Ragget, of Birr, who dyed & left her a son & Daughter. She was after married unto my cousin, Michael Archer fitz Pierce, by whom she had sons & daughters. She carried y^e name of her grandmother, being Nicholl.

* My Aunt was married unto Mr. Edmond Daniell by whom she had Nichol now married unto my cousin Noll Purcell, who have young children. Her daughter is married unto Mr. John Butler & have young children. My s^d cousins Nicholas Daniell & John Purcell with their wives and children are now living at Balinekill.

† My s^d Aunt was married unto Mr. Robert Tobin, by whom she had sons & daughters, Judith, Mary, & Margaret, married unto Mr. Michael Knareborough,⁴ Mary unto my cousin John Murphy fitz Richard,⁵ & Margaret unto Mr. Gregory Marshall, each of them having sons and daughters. Her son Edmond, who is younger than y^e Daughters, is married unto Mary Langton, daughter of Mr. Thomas Langton of Birr, by whom he hath Sons & Daughters.

‡ My Aunt Anstace was married unto Mr. W^m. Raget⁶ by whom she had sons,

¹ "S^r Laurence Reinaghan, supposed general Vicar from the pope, keepeth in the sayd Cittie, sayinge open Mass, and is releived especially by Mr. Thomas Archer Fitz Walter and hath an annuall stipend from the said Cittie."—MS. Trinity Col. Dub., E. 3, 8, No. 12.

² It appears by MS. E. 3, 8, Trinity College, Dublin, No. 12, that about this time "S^r Thomas Howagan, Priest," dwelt with John Rothe fitz Pierce, Alderman of Kilkenny.

³ The pestilence which caused so

much devastation in Kilkenny and the surrounding district at the period of Cromwell's advent to Ireland.

⁴ Michael Knareborough was one of the two sheriffs appointed for the city of Kilkenny in 1652.

⁵ John, the son of Richard Murphy, died on the 16th November, 1690, and his wife, Mary Tobin, on the 17th of January 1690-1, as appears by the family monument, in St. Canice's Cathedral.

⁶ William Ragget was one of the two city sheriffs for the year 1636.

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they were both christened by a Catholick Bishop, and at confirmation Cates name was changed to Dorothy.

9. My Son Robert Langton was born on Petecost Sunday 1615, whose godfather was Mr. Robert Shee fitz Henry,¹ & godmother Mrs. Joane S^r. Leger, he was baptized by S^r Edmond Seix,² & dyed in 3 days.

10. My daughter Cissly Langton* was born on the 11th of August 1616, whose godfather was Mr. Nicholas Dowling, and godmother Mrs. Joane St. Leger, & was baptized by S^r. Thomas Horahane.

11. My daughter Ellen Langton was born the 12th of November 1617, whose godfather was Geofry Fitzpatrick, of Tintower, and godmother Mrs. Margaret Cashin; she was baptized by S^r Bryan fitz Terlough, at Ballincola; she dyed y^e 8th day after her birth, and was buried in the church of Kildermoy.

12. My daughter Megg Langton† was born y^e 24th day of July 1619, whose godfather was Mr. Geofry Fitz Patrick, and godmother was Margaret Cashin; she was baptized by S^r Jno. Brennan, at Ballicolle.

13. My daughter Cisly Langton y^e second, was born upon Trinity Sunday, Anno 1621, whose godfather was Mr. Walter Ryan, and godmother Mrs. Cisly Shee; she was baptized by S^r Thomas Horahane, and dyed at Grenan, buried at Rosconill.

14. My daughter Frances Langton was born y^e 23^d of June Anno 1622 at Grenan, and was baptized by her brother, Father Joseph, and two years after took leave of us and married in heaven, whither may it please God to bring us all.

My Grandfather omitted entering the time of my Grandmother's decease, I could learn that she dyed in the year of our Lord 1623, being

Nicholas & Richard; y^e former had noe issue, y^e latter a Dominican frier; his daughters married unto Mr. Bryan Kearney & Mr. Shortall—they had sons and daughters whom I knew not. My Aunt Dorothy was married unto Laughlin Conway by whom she had a son named Nicholas.

* My said Aunt was married unto Mr. Leonard Tobin, by whom she had a daughter, which was married unto Frank Marshall.

† My s^d Aunt after my grandfathers decease, was brought up by my father, & married unto Mr. Nicholas Butler of Ross, by whom she had a son James Butler, who was married unto my wifes sister, Mary Shee, by whom she had sons and daughters, she had also a daughter named Anne Butler; my s^d Aunt was secondly married unto Mr. Nicholas Gainan, by whom she had sons Thomas & Nicholas; the s^d Nicholas went to seek his fortune beyond Seas, & Thomas was married unto my God daughter Anne Archer, y^e daughter of Mr. Archer who was my fellow exile at Ballinkill, my Aunt Megg dyed att Ross xb^r 1709, God be mercifull to her.

¹ Robert, son of Henry Shee, did not long survive this occasion, as he died the 27th September, 1615. His son, Henry Shee, Jun., was married to his cousin Dorothy, daughter of Lucas Shee and his wife, the Hon. Ellen Butler, daughter of the Viscount Mountgarrett.

² We find it stated of this clergyman that "S^r Edmond Seix, prest, saith mass ordinarily at his brother's house and Redmond Savage, and when he is abroad keepeth wth Sir Richard Butler of Paulstowne, Knight." MS. Trin. Col. Dub., E. 3, 8, No. 12.

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seized of a palsy in her house, in Kilkenny, after coming from Mass and from confessing and receiving ; being taken faint she was layd upon her bed where she soon yielded her soul unto her Saviour & Redeemer. Amen. He dyed the 21st of December Anno 1632 ; God of his mercy join together their souls in Glory.—Amen.

He was a wise, prudent, magnanimous, & hospitious man, and was imployed by y^e Corporation of Kilkenny which was then but a Suffraigne Town, to sue for a charter of Mayoralty, which he obtained to his great satisfaction, & to the honour & satisfaction of that future triving City, where he was made Mayor the year following when Mr. Thomas Ley (who was Suffraigne when the charter came) ended his year of the Mayoralty.¹ He purchased the lands of Grenan & built the stone house thereof, he planted the Orchard, & divided the lands into Parks, which he quicksetted, he purchased & built the stone house near the Markett Cross in Kilkenny where I dwell, with several thatched houses & parks, which he left to my Uncle James ; he purchased a house in Rosin-street with a garden in Mill-street, which he left to my Father, & a house in Walkin-street, which he left unto my Uncle Edward. He lived happily and dyed in a good old age, after marrying Ten of his children, and leaving unto each of y^m that was unmarried one Hundred pounds sterling.

MY FATHER HIS WRITINGS.

In the name of God Amen.

I was born the six & twentieth day of September anno 1606, and was marry'd unto my loving Wife Ann Murphy,² upon the 4th day of Feb. 1629, and was married by my brother Fa. Joseph Langton & had Children by my said wife as Followeth :—

1. My Son Nicholas Langton was born the 27th day of 7^{ber} anno 1630 about three of the Clock in the morning whose godfather was Mr Richard Commerford, of Ballyburr,³ & Godmother Mrs Ann Shee fitz John, he was baptized by Father James Shee, and confirmed by a Catholic Bishop.

¹ This is an error of the writer. Nicholas Langton procured the great charter of Kilkenny in 1609, and he was not himself elected mayor until 1613. Thomas Ley was succeeded in the mayoralty, at Michaelmas, 1609, by Robert Rothe.

² We have a diversity of testimony as to the name of this lady's father. In the Spanish pedigree, which I have followed in making out the genealogical tree facing page 84, she is set down as "Anne, daughter of William Murphy, of Kilkenny." In a pedigree of the family of Killekelly, certified by Hawkins, Ulster King, in 1772, Michael Langton, "of Greenan, Queen's County," is

stated to have married "Anne, daughter of John O'Murphy." But her son, Nicholas fitz Michael Langton, clearly indicates that the Christian name was Patrick, as in reference to his uncle Matthew, at page 88, we have already seen he says, "my said uncle was bound apprentice to my grandfather, Mr. Patrick Murphy." There can therefore be little doubt that this Anne was the daughter of Patrick Murphy, to whom the monument was erected in St. Canice's Cathedral.

³ Richard Comerford was the representative of a respectable branch from the family of Comerford of Danganmore. His father's great grandfather, Richard

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2. My Daughter Nicholl Langton* was born y^e 4 day of Feb. 1632, about six of the clock at night, whose godfather was Mr. Walter Dobbin, of Goodins Garden, & godmother Mrs. Margaret Raget, y^e wife of Mr. Michael Raget;¹ she was baptized by S^r Thomas Horahan,² & Confirmed by a Catholick bishop.

3. My Son Patrick Langton† was born y^e 7th of March, 1633, about twelve of the clock at night, whose godfather was Mr. Michael Raget, & godmother Mrs. Dorothy Shee; he was baptized by S^r Thomas Horahan, & confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

4. My daughter Anstace Langton‡ was born the 29th of December 1635, about ten of the clock, whose godfather was Mr. Edmond S^t. Leger, & Godmother Mrs. Margaret Neale; and was baptized by S^r Thomas Horahan, and confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

5. My Son Richard Langton§ was born y^e 4 day of April 1637, whose godfather was Mr. Michael Raget, and godmother Mrs. Dorathy Shee;

* My s^d sister was married unto Mr. Nicholas Roth fitz Pierce,³ who dyed in 6 months, & she was 2^d married unto Mr. Mathew Archer, of Birr, by whom she had a plentiful Issue, a great many of whom dyed children, she dyed in January 1672, & left then of her children alive, six: Ignatious, Edward, Barnaby, Mary, Anne, Margaret, who at confirmation was given her mother's name. Edward dyed four years after his mother.

† My s^d brother was marryd unto Mrs. Joan Cusack fitz John, by whom she had a plentiful Issue, she dyed the 15th day of November 1676, and he the 4th day after; they leaving two sons & two daughters alive, viz Michael, John, Frances, and Mary, the charge of which I took to myself, & after I had discharged all his debts, and gathered what I could of his debts & settled his affairs, I gave Michael & his means unto his grandfather, Mr. John Cusack; Frances, her means with her unto her uncle Luke Cusack; John, his means with himself unto his uncle Rich^d Cusack, and took bonds of them for the paym^t; y^e youngest being Mary, with her means I kept to myself whose means I intend (God willing), rather to better than to diminish.

‡ My said Sister dyed of y^e plague, in August, Anno 1650.

§ My said Brother died of the plague y^e 29 7^{ber} 1651.

Comerford, by marriage with Ellen, the daughter and one of the coheiresses of Patrick de la Freigne, acquired the property of Ballyburr, under a deed of settlement made by the father of the latter, Fuleo de la Freigne, on the 20th November in the 17th year of the reign of Edward III. (Inquisitions, Com. Kilkenny, *temp.* Eliz., 4). The Richard Comerford referred to in the text died seven years later, as appears by the inscription on his monument in the old churchyard of Grange, near Desart, in which he is styled "Dominus de Ballyburr, vir vere pius, probus, prudens, fortis, variis in Republica muneribus pae bellique summa cum integritate perfunc-

tus. Obiit 13 Junii 1637."

¹ Michael Ragget was one of the city sheriffs for 1631-2.

² This evidently is the "S^r Thomas Howaghan priest," who, says the MS. E. 3, 8, Trin. Col. Dub., "keepeth with M^r. John Roch [Roth] fitz pierce, Alderman."

³ This Nicholas Rothe was son of Peter, eldest son of John Rothe fitz Peter and Rose Archer, who built, in 1594, the old Elizabethan house in Coalmarket, now popularly termed "Wolf's Arch." The wife of Peter, and mother of Nicholas Rothe, was Letitia, daughter of Walter Lawless, of Talbot's Inch, near the city of Kilkenny.

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and was baptized by the S^r Thomas Horahan ; confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

6. My daughter Frances Langton was born y^e 4th of October, 1638, about one of the clock in y^e morning, whose godfather was Mr. Adam Lawles, and godmother Mrs. Margaret Neale, and baptized by S^r Thomas Horahane ; Confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

7. My Son James Langton* was born y^e 21st of 9^{ber} 1640, about Eleven of the clock at night, his godfather was Mr. Michael Raget, and godmother Mrs. Rose Shee, the wife of Mr. Andrew Cowly ;¹ was baptized by Fa Thomas Horahane ; Confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

8. My daughter Mary Langton was born y^e 20th of August 1642, about four of the clock in the evening ; her godfather was Mr. Andrew Cowly, and godmother Mrs. Ellen Marshall ; she was baptized by S^r Pierce Archer, & dyed a few days after.

9. My daughter Margaret Langton† was born the 20th of June 1644, about twelve of the clock at night, whose godfather was Mr. Michael Raget, & godmother Mrs. Letice White y^e wife of Mr. Michael White, of Waterford ; she was baptized by S^r Pierce Archer, in our Ladies Church, & was confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

10. My daughter Mary Langton‡ y^e 2^d was born y^e 3 day of August 1646, about four of the Clock in the afternoon ; her godfather was Mr. John Ball, & godmother Mrs. Mary French, wife unto Patrick Darcy² Esq. ; she was baptized by S^r Pierce Archer, Confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

* My s^d brother parted from my house at Kilkenny on y^e 23^d of X^{ber} 1667, for to visit our sister Archer, at Birr, & being arrived there fell sick of a burning fever, whereof he dyed y^e 3^d of January following.

† My s^d Sister without our consent, and expressly against our wills, did marry one Farrell who was a Shoemaker of Dublin, & although the Man had noe qualities in him that might win the affections of his betters, yet could we not dissuade her, but by stealth went and married him. She brought him a son y^e 24 of 7^{ber} in Dublin, whom y^e named Mathew, she dyed of a burning fever y^e 12 of March following, and lyeth buried in St. James Churchyard, Dublin, when y^e s^d child was nursed he was brought home by his Foster Father unto whom I payd for his nursing, and have brought him up with my own children. God make him a good man.

‡ My s^d sister was married unto Mr. Laurence Kelly, in Kilkenny, where they

¹ Andrew Cowley was one of the representatives of Kilkenny in the Confederate Catholics' Parliament, and he was sheriff of the city in 1642. A portion of his monument is still in existence, in St. John's Abbey, on which is an escutcheon of the Cowley arms, impaling those of Shee, and on either side the initials A. C. and R. S. Beneath is a defaced inscription, of which the first four words are legible, being "Andrew and Rose here—"

² This, doubtless, was Patrick Darcy, the distinguished lawyer, a leading member of the Parliament assembled at Dublin in 1640, and one of the Supreme Council of Confederate Catholics in Kilkenny in 1641, in whose assemblies he represented the Law Lords sitting in Parliament. The Confederate assemblies were still being held in Kilkenny in the year named in the text, and subsequently. Lodge, however, gives the Christian name of Patrick Darcy's wife as Elizabeth. She

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Nicholas Langton Fitz Michael.

My honoured & dear Father dyed the 23^d of September 1651, & was buried in the monument which he built for himself & posterity in our ladys quire of S^t Johns Abby ;¹ this was unto us a dolefull day, a day of sorrow & sadness, for besides y^e loss of a good & loving Father, a Father who bestowed breeding & Education upon us, & did purchase ample means for to bequeath unto us (which by the fraction of those unhappy times were lost). I say it was our hard fate to be deprived of our good father in a time so full of oppression, a time when our nation groand under the heavy yoke of Tyranny, having been subdued by the usurper Cromwell, their towns taken, their means sucked from them, their nobility & gentry either banished or put to death, & lastly the few that remained were quite drained of Substance, they were transplanted into Connaught, & the Citizens banished into y^e Country. In such a time then dyed my Father, leaving then alive with my distress'd Mother Six of their children, & I who was then in captivity with the Turks or Moores in Salle upon the Coast of Barbary. I do remember that about the time my Father dyed, I being in Captivity did for many nights bitterly weep in my sleep, & awakeing could not for a long time restrain my self. My dear Mother having that great charge of tender orphans in a time when her means did dayly decrease, yet notwithstanding kept the younger ones to virtuous schooling, bound my brother Patrick an apprentice to a merchant, & marry'd my sister Nichol, giving her an ample Portion ; my brother Richard dyed six Days after my Father.

I was born in my Grandfather Murphys house in Irishtown,² and after being nurst in the country, & kept at school at home until I attain'd

were very much reduced, & then y^e went to live at Birr, where soon they came to be in a thriving condition, and had a fair issue, namely, Bazil, Anstace, Ann, Michael, Ignatius, William, John, James, & Mary. My said sister dyed of a consumption y^e 7th day of October, 1682.

was daughter to Sir Peter French, and their only son, James Darcy, born in 1633, married Frances Trushot, daughter to a gentleman of Brittany, and captain of a ship of war to Louis XIII., by his wife Anne Keating, maid of honour to the Queen of Charles I.

¹ This tomb, like that in "the great choir" of the same abbey erected by Nicholas fitz Richard, no longer exists ; but amongst the family papers in the possession of the late Mr. Michael Comerford was a memorandum of the inscription which it bore, as follows :—

"Here lieth Michael Langton Fitz Nicholas, Marchant, Burgesse, and some time Sheriff in this City of Kilkenny, who built this monument A. D. 1641,

for him and his dear bedfellow Anne Murphy, mother of their hopeful issue. He passed from this world 25 of Septe. A. D. 1651. She ended her happy days A. D. On whose souls God have mercy.

"Ye Cristian friends in passing by y^r. pra^{rs}. we
hubb^{ly}. crave,
 That here interr'd expecting Christ, a resting
place to have.
 And as for them that went before, prayers you
may surely yield
 The like of those that are to come expect when
ye have need."

The shrievalty of this Michael Langton fitz Nicholas occurred in 1639–40.

² This is another proof that Anne Murphy was the daughter of Patrick, as he was a merchant of Irishtown.

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Fourteen years of age, was then bound an apprentice to Mr. Francis Dormer of Ross, & immediately sent for France to learn the Language of that Country, where I was left two years, at my Father's cost, then brought over and served my master at home for a twelvemonth, who then sent me over into France upon a voyage, & at my return was taken by the Moors of Salle; we sayl'd forth from St. Martins Isle y^e 12 day of May 1649 (stila nova), and were taken by two Salle piccaroons on y^e 20th of the same month who lay waiting for more pray for seven days after, but having got none hoyst sayl for Salle, carrying the men of our vessel (in number seventeen), together with the men of a French ship, and the men of a Dutch Ship, which they had taken before us, along with them, where they arrived the first day of June following, and having anchored abroad were saluted by a number of their townsmen and comrades, who came forth in boats, throwing mellons, cucumbers, citrons, and such like at them to welcome them; which sight was as doleful to us poor Christean slaves, as it was rejoicing to our heathen hosts. But alas poor we, when at evening tide the vessels hal'd into the river, there anchored, cast out their boats, and carried us ashore, the land of Cham, where we were no sooner than delivered unto a tawny Moore, in whose custody we remained for five days, during which time we were visited by divers of the Inhabitants, not out of pity, compassion, or charity, but to see if they might know or sound out what we were, and what ransoms we could be able to give; and some (who had Christean sleeves), sent them to taulk and discours with us, promising to reward them if they would Discover such of us as was able to give Ransoms. During the five days we were thus kept, we were well treated and fedd, which alas, proceeded not from any kindness they had for us, but to make us appear the better when we were brought to be sold at the marget, whither we were brought the 6th day in the morning, and taken by as many more as we were Christean Slaves, and led along the market place, each Moore of them crying out and proclaiming what was bid for the Christean he lead; in which manner we were for two hours exposed to the cant, then when none appeared to vie or bid more money, each of us was delivered unto his buyer. Then was I lead by one of the eight (who joined in giving 360 crowns for me), to his house, and there left. Then it was that I, poor wretch, began to weep, and not till then, as if I had not been a slave till then, for while I enjoyed the company of fellow captives, I heeded not my misery, verifying the Proverb, Solamen miseris socios habuisse doloris; then it was, I say, that I began to think of my misery of being a Captive to heathen moors in a place so distant from Parents & Friends as Salle in Africa is from Kilkenny in Ireland: far from relief from any comfort, or from y^e society of any Christeans or good People, other than a few poor Slaves who when accidentally met had only the comfort of relating our Misfortunes & Miseries to each other; and there was I a captive for three years & four months, and kept chain'd & doing all Slavish works sighing & groaning in my captivity; the great God of heaven & earth, almighty, Powerful & merciful, who from his throne sees

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the sufferings of his Servants, and is never wanting to free such as have their hopes in him, when all human relief fail'd, when my parents were not able to relieve me, nor yet at leisure to think of me, they groaning under the oppression of an insulting enemy; then it was I say that my God & Saviour wrought wonderfully my deliverance, for on the 27th of september anno 1652, at night I slipt off my Chains by the help of oyl, got out of the room where I was lockt in by night, through a passage where I observed the cat to get out & in, & by y^e favour of a white mantle which was given me for all bedding and covering, & which is an usual wearing with the turks, I past the streets through the people until I came to the River-side, where I trew away my said cloak, tyed my shirt, prayer book, & p^r of beads about my head, & swom over to old Salle, & being come below the town, after I had put on my shirt, I went with all the speed I could along the sea coast towards Memora, a garison the Spaniards held in Barbarie five leigues distant from Salle; which place was the receptacle of all the poor Christean Slaves that could make their escape thither; I being there arrived next morning early, was gladly received in by the Soldiers of the garrison, and was by them treated the kindlier for being Irish, which nation they term their Brothers. I continued in Memora 44 days during which time I had the allowance of a Soldier given me, then when the vessel that brought provisions to the garrison out of Spain was ready to parte, I had my pass given me & went aboard y^e s^d vessel in company with three other captives, who had made their escape in a boat to Memora before me; & on y^e 10 day of November we arrived at Cadiz where we kissed the Christean Land, from which we had been absent many months. O! that I could have the spirit of David & his harp, whereby I may incessantly sing forth the praises of the most high and holy Lord God of Hosts, who most wonderfully wrought my deliverance, brought me out of the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians.

I* was born on the 26th day of Sep^r. anno 1630, at the hour of four in the morning, and was married to my dear beloved wife Jane Shee, y^e 2^d day of October 1659, by whom I had children as followeth:—

1. My daughter Ann Langton was born y^e 14 of August ano 1660 about y^e hour of one in the morning (at Ballinekill where I dwelt in my banishment) she was baptized at Sampsons-Court by Father Paul Cashin; her Godfather was Mr. George Russell, & Godmother Mrs. Mabell Fitz Patrick, y^e wife of my brother-in-law John Shee; she had her confirmation at Kilkenny in August 1669, from bishop Phelan,¹ who was

* Nicholas Langton, my² dear Father, dyed 9th Xber 1683.

¹ The Rev. James Phelan succeeded Bishop Rothe, who, it appears by the Lynch MS. *penes* Dr. Todd, died in Kilkenny, after its occupation by Cromwell, and was buried at St. Mary's Church. De Burgo (Hibernia Dominicana, p.

502), does not give the date of Bishop Phelan's consecration.

² The earlier commentaries on the entries of Nicholas Fitz Michael are made by his eldest son, Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second.

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our first Catholic Bishop in y^e diocess of Ossory since the year 1649, at which time all our clergy were expelled by y^e parliament & the usurper Cromwell. My said daughter was married unto Mr. Nicholas Ley* y^e 28 day of January anno 1682,¹ by doctor W^m Dalton, at his entrance to our Parish, it being y^e first marriage he solemnized therein.

2. My daughter Mary Langton† was born y^e 13th of August 1661, at Ballynekill about three of the clock in the morning & was baptized by Fa. Paul Cashin at Dittifore. Her godfather was Mr. Richard Fitzgerald of Kilkenny and her Godmother her Aunt Mary Shee. She was confirmed by bishop Phelan, at Kilkenny, anno 1669.

3. My son Michael Langton was born y^e 30th of September 1662, & was baptizd at Balnekill‡ by Fa. Paul Cashin; his Godfather was Mr. Richard Fitzgerald & Godmother Mrs. Mary Green, y^e wife of Mr. George Russell.

4. My son Michael Langton was born in Kilkenny in the house of my Father y^e 6 of February 1663, at five of the Clock in y^e morning, & was there baptizd by Fa. Luke Archer.² His Godfather was Mr. Lucas

* My Nephew Thomas Ley was sent to study at the College of Lyle in Flanders, but it being war time, he betook himself to the army in the service of France, came home a compleat Gentleman & dyed by a fall from on horseback. My Nephew Laurence Ley went to Cadiz & from his apprenticeship there, married and settled, & has issue Nicholas, &c. My nephew John Ley married Captain Butler of L Daughter and had issue Cate, Laurence & Nicholas. My said Sister had other children, viz., Nicholas, Laurence, John, Elizabeth, James, Jane, William, and Walter.

† My sister Mary above mentioned was married unto James Archer Fitz William on y^e 21st of May, by Dr. William Dalton ano 1687, and had by him children, Mary, Lettice, Nicholas, William, John, Jane, Michael, Nichol, Margaret, and Peter. Nicholas is a Secular Priest, William took to the Sea, Jane married James Butler of Ballinekill. Michael married Nichol Archer of Birr, by whom he had children, Margaret, James and Ann.

‡ Y^e 15th Feb. 1662, I³ returned from Ballinekill to live in Kilkenny after nine

¹ This must be "New Style," as there was an entry, as follows, in a manuscript book formerly belonging to Nicholas Ley, in the possession of the late Mr. Michael Langton of Danville:—

"Nicholas Ley fitz Thomas and Anne Langton fitz Nicholas was married by Dr. W^m. Dafon [Daton?] Parish Priest of St. Mary's Parish, in Kilkenny, the 23^d (*sic*) day of January, 1681—Nicholas Ley."

This "Book of Nicholas Ley" was lost by Mr. Langton's having unfortunately lent it to the late Mr. Abraham Rothe, who gave him a written engagement (still extant), for its safe return,—an engagement never fulfilled. It con-

tained numerous copies of very curious corporation documents, some of which were transcribed by the late Christopher James, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; and those transcripts are now in my possession.

² "Sir Lucas Archer priest brother to Patrick Archer esq. keepeth with his brother in law Nicholas Archer." MS. E. 3. 8., Trin. Col. Dub. This is possibly the clergyman mentioned in the Langton MS.; but if so he must have been an old man, as the date of the Trinity College MS. is about 1625.

³ This and several of the subsequent comments on the text were made by Nicholas fitz Michael himself.

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Archer. His godmother Mrs. Elinor Delahyde y^e wife of Mr. George S^t Leger ; my said son was nursed by his mother, confirmed by a Catholick Bishop.

5. My Son William Langton* was born y^e 11 of March 1665, at five of the Clock in the evening, and was baptized by Fa Luke Archer his godfather was Mr. Phelim Caddan and godmother Mrs. Joan Archer y^e wife of Mr. Patrick Murphy ; he was confirmed by Bishop Phelan.

6. My Daughter Anstace Langton was born y^e 23^d of May 1667 at nine of the Clock at night and was baptized by Fa Luke Archer ; her godfather was Mr. Garret Commerford & godmother Mrs. Mary Kelly y^e wife of Mr. Rich^d. Synot ; she was confirmed by Bishop Phelan.

7. My Son James Langton† was born y^e 21st of July 1668 at three of the clock in the evening and was baptizd by Fa Luke Archer ; his godfather was Mr. James Rafter and godmother Mrs. Margaret Brehan y^e wife of Mr. Lucas Archer ; he was confirmed by Bishop Phelan.

8. My Daughter Margaret Langton‡ was born y^e 19 of August 1669 about five of the Clock in the evening, and was baptized by Fa Luke Archer, her Godfather was Mr. George S^t Leger, & Godmother Mrs. Catherine Shee y^e wife of Mr. James Raftor, she was confirmd by Bishop Phelan.

9. My daughter Elizabeth Langton§ was born y^e last day of August 1670 about four of the clock in the morning, & was baptizd by Fa Luke Archer ; her Godfather was Mr. Barnaby Shee and Godmother Mrs. Cate Baggot y^e wife of Mr. Walter Seix ; she was confirmed &c.

10. My Son Joseph Langton|| was born y^e 1st of January 1671 at ten of the Clock at night and was baptizd by Fa Luke Archer ; his Godfather was Mr. John Shee and Godmother Mrs. Marg^t Brehan.

11. My Son Richard Langton¶ was born y^e 17th of January 1672 at four of the Clock in y^e evening & was baptizd by Fa Luke Archer ; his Godfather was Mr. Edm^d. Tobin & Godmother Mrs. Cate Shee.

years absence and banishment. My said son dyed y^e 8 of Sber following & was buried in Rosconnell Church.

* My s^d Son dyed at Inchiquine within 22 miles of Dublin, being on his journey to Dublin for to be cut for the stone with which disease he was a long time troubled but most cruelly tormented for three Months and after he was brought home to be interred got him opened and a stone taken out of the bigness of an egg, he is buried in my father's monument.

† My s^d Son dyed of a loosness y^e 11th of 7ber 1679 which continued 11 with him ; he was buried in my Father's Tomb in S^t. John's Abbey.

‡ The children of my sister Catherine and Michall dyed infants, Margery was married the 21st of June 1712, to Nich. Shee. In September 1680 she was seized by a fever which continued with her 6 weeks and made her lame of one leg and rotted a part of her face. My said sister was married y^e 26 Feb. 1692 unto Martin Archer fitz Michael by Doctor W^m. Dalton & had issue Catherine Margery Margaret Michael and dyed in our house y^e 17th May 1697 of a deep consumption.

§ My s^d Daughter dyed y^e 21 of October 1680 of a fever which continued with her six weeks, and was buried in S^t. Johns Abby.

|| My s^d son dyed of a consumption y^e 21st March 1673, having languished thereof nine months.

¶ My s^d Son dyed y^e 4th day of July 1674.

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12. My daughter Nichol Langton* was born y^e 30th of March 1674 at five of the Clock in the morning & was baptized by Fa Luke Archer; her godfather was my brother Patrick Langton and godmother Mrs. Mary Langton y^e wife of Mr. Edmond Tobin; she was confirmed by Bishop Phelan.

13. My Son James Langton† was born y^e 3^d day of June 1675 at nine of the Clock at night, & was baptized by Fa Luke Archer; his godfather was Mr. George Fitz Gerald of Waterford, & godmother Mrs. Bridget Hayward y^e wife of Mr. Vincent Knatchbull.¹

14. My daughter Dorothy Langton‡ was born y^e 25th of August 1677 at 6 of the clock in the morning and was baptized by Fa Luke Archer; her godfather was Mr Vincent Knatchbull & godmother Mrs Cate Shee; she was confirmed by Bishop Phelan.

15. My son Dominick Langton§ was born y^e 20th of Feb. 1678 at ten of the clock in the morning, & was baptized by Fa Luke Archer; his godfather was Mr Marcus Shee, and godmother Mrs Mary Langton y^e wife of Mr John Nolan.

16. My Son Sylvester Langton|| was born y^e 30th of Xber 1680, at 6 of the clock at night, & was baptized by Fa Luke Archer next day, being S^t Sylvester's day; his godfather was Mr Nicholas Ley, & godmother Mrs Beale Roth, both being then unmarried; my brother² above mentioned was Confirmed by James Whelan, Lord bishop of Ossory.

* My s^d sister³ was married to John Murphy y^e son of Patrick Murphy in August 1713 & has by him Issue Cicilie, born in our hous 8^{ber} 1718.

† My s^d son dyed y^e 23 of July 1673.

‡ My s^d daughter dyed y^e 18 of July 1680.

§ My s^d son dyed y^e 29th of 8^{ber} following.

|| My s^d brother marryd his wife Ann Langton daughter to Thomas Langton & Mary Molloy of Birr Sunday y^e 25 January 1712. She dyed X^{ber} 1719 leaving him children Mary & Jane. S^d Sylvester marryd a second wife Mary Sexton widow of Edm^d Tobyn⁴ by whom he left five children, viz^t. Ann, Elinor, Allice, Joseph and Michael Langton—he dyed y^e 18 March 1749, & made a most exemplary end,⁵

¹ An Inquisition taken at Rosbercon, 30th October, 1621, found that the Manor of Balleene, in the county of Kilkenny, the property of Viscount Mountgarrett, was then in the possession of Vincent Machpoll, of Potterath, and — Marshall of Balleene (Printed Calendar of Inquisitions, *temp.* Jac. I., No. 31). The similarity of the sound of the first of these names with that in the text is striking.

² This is an interpolation made by Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second, before the copy of the manuscript from which we print was made.

³ This entry is made by Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second; but the comments on the numbers following, down to 15, inclusive, are by his father.

⁴ A son of Mary Sexton's, by her first husband, Tobin, obtained a commission in the French army; and on the breaking out of the first Revolution, he came back to reside in his native city. He was a man of most polished manners and winning address, and his society was courted by the highest circles in Kilkenny (*teste* the late Mr. Michael Comerford, King-street).

⁵ The tomb of Silvester Langton

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17. My Son William Langton was born y^e 18th of September 1683 at 6 of y^e clock at night and was baptized by Doctor Dalton. His Godfather was Mr Edward Caddan,¹ and godmother Madam Ann Peyton, y^e wife of William Peyton, Esq, of Ruffam Hall, in Norfolkshire; my brother² above mentioned was confirmed by James Whelan Lord Bishop of Ossory and called Nicholas in remembrance of my Father.

My s^d uncle Nicholas Langton dyed y^e 21st of August 1747 after making his peace with God.

My honoured & dear father dyed on Sunday about four of the clock in the after noon it being y^e 9th of X^{ber} anno 1683 after having received all the rights of the church by the hands of Doct^r W^m Dalton, he lived in the love of all his neighbours & acquaintance (& dyed in the love & fear of the almighty God) to the great looss and grief of all his relations, but more especially of his well beloved Children, of whom he was extremely careful in Educating them in all virtues & good breeding, in w^{ch} he spared not what was needful, he is buried in the monument w^{ch} his father built in our Ladies Chappel of S^t Johns abby on whose soul the Lord be merciful.

My Grandmother Ann Murphy & wife to my deceased grandfather Michael Langton, dyed y^e 8th day of June in the year of our Lord 1687

his 2^d wife dyed August 21st 1755. Ann Langton was marryed to M^r James Comerford³ of Kilkenny Nov. 1754. Ellinor marryd M^r Emmanuel Murray of Kilkenny,⁴ April 27, 1756, both by the Rev^d M^r Patrick Molloy parish Priest of S^t Mary's.

forms one of the flooring slabs of the present parish church of St. John, the ancient Lady Chapel of the monastery, and is probably in its original position. The inscription runs as follows:—" Beneath this vault are deposited the remains of Anne Langton, daughter of Thomas Langton of Birr, and wife to Silvester Langton of Kilkenny. She died in December, 1719, aged 32 years. Mary Langton, alias Fitzpatrick, their daughter, died 2d March, 1746, aged 30 years. Silvester Langton died 18th March, 1749, aged 60 years. Mary Sexton, his second wife, relict of Edmund Tobin, died 21st August, 1755, aged 62 years. Joseph Langton, son to Silvester and Mary, died 8 of March, 1760, aged 24 years. Jane Langton, daughter of Silvester and Anne, died 16th November, 1801, aged 83 years. On whose souls the Lord have mercy."

This inscription may be of either of the two latter dates, but can scarcely be older. Above it the crest, a human

heart between two wings erect, is carved.

¹ Edward Caddan was a merchant of Kilkenny, of much repute in the eventful period of 1689-90. He married Arabella, daughter of Edward Rothe, by his wife Joan, daughter of Nicholas Archer, of Kilkenny.

² Another interpolation of Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second, who also was the writer of the rest of the manuscript carried on under the heading of "Nicholas Fitz Michael."

³ For particulars connected with this marriage between Anne Langton and James Comerford, see note to p. 82, *ante*.

⁴ The inscriptions on the family monuments in St. Mary's churchyard, state that Philip Murray died 27th December, 1773, aged 73; Emanuel Murray, merchant, died 17th December, 1802, aged 68 years; his wife, Elenor Murray, *alias* Langton, died 9th May, 1772, aged 38; their son, Philip Murray, died 13th August, 1758, aged 11 months.

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& is buried in the monument of my grandfather, on whose soul the Lord have mercy.

My honoured and dear mother, Jane Langton, a/s Shee, dyed on monday y^e 25th of Feb. 1716 at midday (after having received the rights of the holy church) an exemplary penitent & patron to her numerous issue, she is buried with my dear Father in our monument at St Johns; The Almighty God have mercy on her.

My aunt Mary Butler a/s Shee sister to my dear mother dyed on Friday y^e 14th of May 1725 at midday after receiving the rights of the holy church in the 81st year of her age. She left of her Issue living only her son Nich^s. who is Fa. Vincent Butler, a venerable old man of the holy order of Preachers.

I was born in my fore fathers house the sixth day of February anno 1663 at five of the Clock in the morning* & married unto my dearly beloved wife Elenor Roth Fitz Peter† on thursday the 21st of 8^{ber} 1703 at the house of M^r James Kearny of Clonbrogan.

1. My daughter Jane Langton was born at our house at Kilkenny thursday y^e 5th 8^{ber} 1704 about 8 at night, & being wake was presently Christened by Doctor Edw^d Murphy;² her godfather my brother Silvester, & godmother my Mother.

2. My Son Nicholas Langton‡ was born tuesday y^e 20th of November

* My³ honoured and dear Father died on Friday at five of the Clock in the Morning, it being the third day of June ano 1737 after having received all the rights of the Church by the hands of Father Ned Shea. He lived in the love of all his neighbours & Acquaintances & dyed in the love & fear of Almighty God to the great loss and grief of all his Relations but more especially of his well beloved Children of whom he was extreme fond in educating them in all virtue & good breeding in which he spared not what was needful; he is buried in the Monum^t which his grandfathers built in our Ladies Chapple of St Johns abby on whose soul the Lord be Merciful.

† My honord & dear Mother⁴ died on Saturday morning at one of the Clock the twenty ninth day of August ano 1772 in the 85 year of her age after having received the rights of our holy Mother the Church by the hands of Father Patrick Molloy.⁵ She lived in the esteem of all who knew her & died lamented by them. A tender Mother & Charitable Christian, she was blessed with a full possession of all her senses untill it pleased the allmighty to take her Soul. May he be merciful to her.

‡ My s^d Son at the age of 14 went into France and thence to Spain.

¹ The writer here is Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second.

² A Rev. Edmond Murphy was parish priest of St. Mary's, Kilkenny, in 1704. He had received orders at Seville, in 1673, from Don Ambrosio Ignatio Spinola, and Gusman Archbishop of Seville.—“A List of the Names of Popish Parish Priests.” Dublin : 1705.

³ It does not appear which of the children of Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second has entered this obituary notice of him.

His two eldest sons, having very early emigrated to Spain, and died there, neither of them was likely to have been the writer.

⁴ This entry is made on a slip of paper pasted into the manuscript, and was apparently made by the same hand as that which recorded the death of Michael Fitz Nicholas the Second, but at a later period.

⁵ The Rev. Patrick Molloy was parish priest of St. Mary's, Kilkenny. It was

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1705 near ten at night in our house & was Christened next day By Doctor Edw^a. Murphy; his godfather was my Cousin Mathew Ward and god-mother my wifes sister Rose Roth.

[S^d Nich^s. Langton died in Cadiz y^e 7^h Aug^t 1779, in y^e 74^h year of his age; he lived in y^e highest esteem, supported a very fair character & died regretted by all

the custom that the Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese should hold St. Mary's parish *in commendam*, appointing a curate to take spiritual charge; and the Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, the bishop at the time, so received it from Pope Benedict XIV.; but that prelate resigned it, and collated the Rev. Patrick Molloy thereto as parish priest. On the death of Dr. Dunne, in 1761, the new Roman Catholic bishop, Dr. Thomas de Burgo (author of the "*Hibernia Dominicana*"), on his appointment, received the parish *in commendam*, in the usual manner; but Father Molloy refused to surrender in the bishop's favour, and appealed to Rome against the proceedings taken by De Burgo to dispossess him. A large number of the Roman Catholic parishioners supported the claim of Molloy, and memorialled the Pope in his favour, declaring that, if he was deprived, great tumults and popular dissatisfaction would be the result, and the dissensions would afford ground of triumph to the enemies of their faith. In support of their statement, they cited a letter from Anthony Blunt, the mayor, to the Lord Lieutenant, expressing sympathy with Father Molloy, and speaking unfavourably of the proceedings of the bishop. Dr. de Burgo, in his case in reply, cited a testimonial, certified by Nathaniel Alcock, notary public, of Kilkenny, that the bishop was so well esteemed by the magistrates and Protestant as well as Roman Catholic gentry of that county and city, that no one would disturb or molest him; and other testimony was given that the allegation of apprehended tumults was a mere pretext. The Congregation de Propaganda Fide issued a decree on the 24th August, 1762, declaring that, as the parish had always been held *in commendam* by the bishop, it should still be so held by Dr. de Burgo. It would yet seem that the

matter was not here decided; and it is certain Father Molloy and his coadjutor, Father Creagh, continued to officiate in the parish throughout the remainder of the episcopate of Dr. de Burgo; and an entry made in the pocket-book of Silvester Langton, by his daughter Jane, in 1767, speaks of Father Molloy as having ultimately succeeded in his suit in Rome. The following are some of the entries in the pocket-book referred to respecting this dispute:—

"My niece Catherine Murry was born 10th March 1762 . . . She was baptized by Mr. Pat Molloy Parish Priest."

"My niece Jane Murry was born on Monday y^e 13th June 1763 . . . She was baptized by Mr. Deling, as y^e Parish was in dispute between Doc^r B. & Mr. Molloy."

"My nephew Wm. Comerford was born y^e 22^d Sep^r 1763, . . . he was baptized by Far. Rich^d. Shee, as y^e Parish was still in dispute."

"My niece Anne Murry was born y^e 28th Aug. 1764. She was baptized next day by Doc^r Burke, as y^e disputes in y^e Parish still continued."

"My nephew Edmond Comerford was born y^e 11th Jan. 1767. He was baptized 5 days after by Far. McGeniss, a Dominican friar, tho' all disputes in y^e Parish was over & Mr. Molloy appointed by y^e Court of Rome parish priest, yet so much did the party spirit continue."

"My niece Anne Comerford was born y^e 10th Feb. 1768, and was baptized y^e 16th by Mr. Peter Crea, coadjutor to Mr. Molloy."

"My niece Ellinor Comerford was born y^e 19th Jan. 1773. She was baptized y^e 23^d by y^e Rev^d. Mr. Molloy. Confirmed by Dr. Burke at St. James's."

A thin folio volume, being a collection of the official proceedings of the Congregation de Propaganda Fide in this case,

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3. My daughter Mary Langton* was born y^e 25th day of March 1707 about 4 in y^e morning in our house and christend y^e next day by Doct^r Pa. Shee¹ her godfather Captⁿ John Nolan and Godmother my mother in law Cornelia Magrath.

4. My daughter Cornelia Langton† was born y^e 27th day of 7^{ber} 1708 about 10 of the Clock in the morning in our house, and was Christend by Doctor Patrick Shee ; her godfather was my brother in law Nicholas Ley and her godmother M^{rs}. Ann Lawles a^{ls} Bryan.²

5. My Son Peter Langton‡ was born Saturday y^e 18 of March 1709 betwixt the hours of one & two in the morning in our house, and Christened by Doctor Pa. Shee ; his godfather my Cossⁿ. John Langton fitz Robert, & godmother my sister Anstace Langton.

his acquaintance as well as family May y^e almighty be merciful to him.]³

* My s^d daughter dyed of a lingering consumptive fever with a stitch & at the time we conceived good hopes of her she avoided a worm y^e 17th of March 1723 in the morning & dyed that night ; the almighty have mercy on her soul.

† My s^d daughter died y^e 3^d of May 1767 of a lingering illness of two years.

‡ My s^d son Marry^d in Cadiz in Spain Mary Anne Clarke with y^e approbation of his and her Relations ; y^e Celebration was at y^e Country seat of her uncle and his first Cousin Mr. Lawrence Ley on y^e 28 of June 1747, New Stile ; their Issue are 4 they all Dyed young.

[S^d Peter Langton died in Cordova y^e 8th Mar 1781 where they were banished to as Irish men and Roman Catholicks—he was a respectable man & much beloved by all Spaniards and Irish also].⁴

printed at Rome, collated and indexed in the handwriting of Bishop de Burgo, and supplemented by some MS. copies of similar proceedings, written in De Burgo's hand, formed portion of the extensive library of the late Thomas Bibby, of Kilkenny, Esq. On his death, it, together with other rare books, was removed to London by his son, Mr. Thomas Bibby, and sold at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby and Wilkinson, in the spring of 1863. This unique volume was purchased by Boone for the Library of the British Museum, at £18 10s.

¹ This, no doubt, was the Dr. Patrick Shee who soon after was Roman Catholic Bishop of Ossory, and filled the see for some years. He was at this time parish priest of St. Patrick's, Kilkenny. —See "List of the Names of the Popish Parish Priests." Dublin: 1705.

² This lady was the sister of James Bryan, Esq., of Jenkinstown, who represented the city of Kilkenny in King James's Parliament, held in Dublin in 1689. Her husband, Walter Lawless,

Esq., of Talbot's Inch, was high sheriff of the county of Kilkenny under King James's Government. Their son, Patrick Lawless, entered the Spanish service, and attained to a high military command, with the Governorship of the Balearic Isles.

³ The entry between crotchets above is in a later hand, apparently that of Jane, daughter of Silvester Langton, and cousin to Nicholas, whose death it records. A marginal note to the copy of the manuscript in the possession of Capt. Langton, in that gentleman's father's handwriting, states of this Nicholas that "He died in Cadiz the 7th August 1779, and was buried in the family vault of the Church of the Women's Hospital, purchased by his father-in-law, Mr. Laurence Carew, for all his descendants."

⁴ The remarks within crotchets are interpolated in a later hand, apparently that of Jane Langton. A marginal note, in the handwriting of Captain Langton's father, in the older copy

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6. My son Edmond Langton* was born Saturday y^e 30th of June 1711 at half an hour after Six in y^e morning in our hous & was Christend y^e same day by Doct^r. Patrick Shee ; his godfather was my Nephew John Ley and godmother Margery Archer.

7. My daughter Ann Langton† was born Sunday y^e 10th of August 1712 at a q^r. past two in the Morning in our hous & was Christened y^e 11th by Doct^r. Patrick Shee ; her Godfather my brother in Law James Archer & her godmother my sister Anne Ley.

8. My daughter Rose Langton‡ was born wednesday y^e 23^d of X^{ber} 1713 twixt y^e hours of one & two in the morning in our house & was Christen'd y^e next day by Doctor Patrick Shee. Her godfather my brother Mr. Nicholas Langton & her godmother my Cossⁿ. Mary Langton aîs Archer fitz Mark.

9. My Son John Langton§ was born Munday y^e 12th of 7^{ber} 1715 about y^e hour of eight in y^e Evening in our house & was Christend wednesday y^e 14th by Doctor Patrick Shee ; his godfather was my Cousin John Kelly & godmother Mrs. Catherine Nagle aîs Comerford of Clonmell.

10. My son William Langton|| was born Munday y^e 18th of Feb. 1716 betwixt y^e hours of ten & eleven at night in our house and was Christend y^e next day by Doc^r. Pa. Shee. His godfather was my brother in law Martin Archer and his godmother Mrs. Honour Conway aîs Bourk.

11. My son John Langton¶ was born on Wednesday y^e 11th of March 1718 about y^e hour of 10 in the Morning in our house & was Christened y^e Monday following by Doctor Patrick Shee ; his god father Mr. John Galbally of Dublin & his godmother Mrs. Margaret Ley aîs Butler, wife to my nephew John Ley.

* My said son dyed of a malignant faver & Cold in the head y^e 21 day of his sickness on Monday y^e 16 X^{ber} 1717; he was a boy of a sweet temper & countenance. I proposed him for a religious Life.

† My dear Sister dyed of a favour y^e 23^d October 1760, much and justly lamented by all her family & neighbours she is buried in our Monument of St. Johns.

‡ My s^d Daughter departed this life on the first day of January 1731 after many tedious aylments being distempered from the time of her being wounded, but lastly by a malignant Palsie & favour may y^e almighty be Merciful to her.

§ My s^d Son John dyed y^e 12 January 1717 of a lingering favour which took him when we thought him past danger of the Small Pox.

|| My s^d Brother dyed y^e 29th of 8^{ber} 1750 in Dublin & was brought to Kilkenny & buried in our Monument of St. John, much lamented by all who knew him as he was a sincere friend, just and honorable in all his dealings, on whose soul the Great God be mercifull.

¶ My s^d. Son dyed y^e 8th of X^{ber} following at his nurses of a lingering Favour.

of the manuscript, makes a different statement, as follows:—"N. B.—He died in Cordova during the expulsion of the English from Cadiz, in the year 1779, leaving no issue, his two sons hav-

ing died long before him. He left all his fortune to his nephew, Edward Murphy, who had married Josepha Langton, also his niece. He was buried in the famous Cathedral of Cordova."

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12. My Son Mathew Langton* was born in our hous on Friday y^e 5th of August 1720 about two of the Clock in y^e morning & was Christened next day by Doctor Patrick Shee; his godfather my Coss^{en} Mathew Ward and his godmother my mother in law Cornelia Magrath.

13. My daughter Margaret Langton† was born in our house on Wednesday y^e 16th of August 1721 twixt 9 & 10 at night & was Christened next day by Doct^r. Patrick Shee; her godfather my nephew John Clarke & her godmother my Coss^{en}. Ann Moor als Archer.

My son Nicholas Langton¹ Married in Cadiz of Spain Frances Carew Daughter to Mr. Laurence Carew aged about 17 years; their Marriage Solemnized the first of 7^{ber} 1736 Old Stile.

1. My Grandson Michaell Laurence Joseph Langton‡ was born in the

* My s^d son dyed y^e 8th of January 1734.

† [She died² the 15 Febr^y 1774 in the house of Jane Langton³ of a dropsical complaint.]

‡ [He departed this life on the 16th. July 1810 in his own house in Cadiz.]⁴

¹ Although carried on under the head of Nicholas fitz Michael (the Second), it will be seen that these entries are made by his father, Michael fitz Nicholas the Second. The son was in Spain, but his father continued the entries in the manuscript whenever he received a notification of the birth of a grandchild.

² This entry between crotchets is in a different handwriting from any other in the manuscript. Although not above stated, the Margaret Langton referred to was married to a Mr. Murphy. In the copy of the manuscript in the possession of Capt. Langton there is a subsequent entry, apparently made by or copied from a memorandum of Michael Langton Fitz Nicholas the Second, stating:—"My daughter Margaret Langton was married, in this house, to Mr. William Murphy, of Graigara, February y^e 11th 1745-6. My Grandson Edward Murphy was born the 7th June 1747." There were several other children; but Edward, the eldest, went to Spain, and became a prosperous merchant in Cadiz. He there married his cousin, Josepha Langton; and, having amassed a large fortune, returned to Ireland, and purchased the estate of Annaghs, near Ross, and the house and lands of Birchfield, near Kilkenny, besides a third property,

situated in the county of Carlow. He had eight children, who all died under six years of age, except one son, Edward J. Murphy, of Castle Annaghs; and one daughter, Frances, who married Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq., and died at Caen, in Normandy, leaving five children. The son, Edward J. Murphy, became embarrassed in his circumstances, and lost the property acquired by his father, which was sold to pay his creditors, he himself dying in the debtors' prison, in London, in 1841. Mrs. Josepha Murphy, his widowed mother, died at Cadiz on the 16th October, 1826.

³ Jane Langton was daughter to Silvester by his first wife. She never married, but was a notable, clever, and well-educated woman, and for many years after her father's death carried on the business in the "Great Stone House" of the family, ultimately handing it over to her brothers-in-law, Messrs. Comerford and Murray.

⁴ This entry is in the most modern handwriting to be found in the manuscript, and apparently was made by the late Mr. Michael Langton, of Danville. Michael Theobald fitz Michael, Captain Langton's father, in his continuation of the entries in the older copy of the manuscript now in the possession of the

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house of his father Nicholas Langton in Cadiz in Spain y^o 5 Day of July 1737 old Stile his godfather Lawrence Carew his grandfather.

2. My Grand daughter Eugenia Langton* was born in the house of her Father Nicholas Langton in Cadiz in Spain y^o 4 of September 1738 Old Stile; her godfather Lawrence Ley.

* My said granddaughter dyed y^o 8 February 1743 Old Stile.

latter, writes thus of the death of Michael Laurence Joseph :—

“My beloved Father died on the 16th of July, 1810, in his dwelling house in Cadiz, during the seige, of a dropsy brought on by extreme anxiety of mind occasioned by the misfortunes of his native country, to which he was most loyally attached, and his tender uneasiness for the future fate of his family, of which he had always been a fond father and a zealous protector; and for the personal safety of those that were still under his care he had timely provided by sending them to England in February 1809, but unwilling himself to depart from his native country while it remained free from the invasion of the French enemy, and independent under a Spanish patriotic government; altho' he had resolved to quit it in the last extremity if the French proved successful in their attempt to take the town of Cadiz, rather than to submit to live under the yoke of the oppressors of his country. In his last illness, when he felt himself aggravated a fortnight before his death presuming that he would not recover, he took leave affectionately of his last surviving sister and other intimate friends & relations, forbidding from that time the entrance of his apartment to every body but his spiritual and temporal attendants, devoting the remainder of his life solely to the awful preparation of his soul for eternity; foretelling on the morning of the last day of his life that he would not survive it, and accordingly breathed his soul into the hands of his creator at seven o'clock in the evening of the Festival of the Blessed Virgin under the appellation of Mount Carmel, on his very birth day, having completed 73 years. Thus closing with exemplary piety and perfect Christian resignation the evening of

a life adorned with the practice of every civil and religious virtue; possessing in a high degree the character of a most honorable, just, and upright man, having always been remarkable for his scrupulous integrity, sagacious prudence, veneration for our holy religion, and contempt for all worldly honours and decorations that were not the reward of signal services to the state; having refused them when offered to himself, as he valued more the solid merit of a good fame which he deservedly acquired by his extreme punctuality in fulfilling all his engagements in every personal transaction, and by complying with the duties of a good parent procuring a good and moral education to his children. The Body was interred in the burial ground of the parish of St. Josef exterior of the walls of Cadiz, at the right of the chapel, in the tomb No. 118, on the high row of the principal front in the 11th division, with his name and age and day of his death inscribed on the monument, and his soul rests I hope and trust, through the mercy of God, in eternal glory. My Father's remains could not be deposited in the family vault belonging to us in the church of the Women's Hospital in Cadiz, in consequence of an order from Government prohibiting, without distinction of class, rank or person, any burial to be effected within the town ever since the great plague that ravaged the whole province in 1800.”

Mr. Michael Laurence Joseph Langton had been twice married—first, in 1758, to Maria Ellen Wadding, daughter to Gerard Wadding of Carrick-on-Suir, and Anastatia Murphy, of Kilkenny; secondly, in 1766, to Marie, daughter of Thomas Dillon and his wife Marie Hussy, of Dublin. His son, Michael Theobald, who settled in England, has made this

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3. My Grand Daughter Seraphina Langton* was born in the house of her Father Nich^s. Langton in Cadiz y^e 1 of April 1741 Old Stile; her Godfather Nicholas Del Castillo.

4. My Grandson Lawrence Gregory Langton† was born in Cadiz y^e 9 day of March 1742, New Stile; Christend y^e 14 of same month; his god father Mr. Michael Hoar.

5. My Grand Daughter Mary Langton‡ was born in the house of her Father in Cadiz [10 May 1745 was married to Thom^s. Walsh had a daughter who died an Infant].

6. My Grand Son Peter Langton§ was born y^e 2 October 1746 in the hous of his father in Cadiz; his godfather his uncle Peter Langton.

7. Josepha Langton|| born in 1748.

* [She Married Michael Suttin, alias de Sotto left 4 sons Redmond, Laurence Mich^l. & Nicholas de Sotto & a daughter Frances married to an officer Miguil Mongaro.]¹

† My s^d Grand Son dyed at his fathers of a lingering Cough May 9th 1760.

‡ [She died in S^c. Lucar on the 28 August 1777.]²

§ [He died an Infant.]²

|| [Married to Edward Murphy; has a Son Edward Joseph & a Daughter Frances married to Thom^s. Fitzgerald.]²

note of his own marriage, in continuation of the old family manuscript:—

“I was married on the 21st day of November 1820, first in the Roman Catholic chapel at Bath, by the Rev. Peter Baines, and immediately afterward, in conformity with the laws of the country, in the Parish Church of St. James, at Bath, by the Curate, Rev. Mr. Player, to Mary Ryan, eldest daughter of Jeremiah Ryan, Esq., and of Margaret Ryan, daughter of Joseph Burke, Esq., all residents of the City of Waterford in Ireland, where my wife was born the 28th May 1795; but her father was from the County of Kilkenny, and her Mother from the Queen's County.”

¹ This is a subsequent entry, by Michael Langton, of Danville. In the older copy of the MS., Mr. Michael Theobald Langton made this marginal note at the name of his aunt Serephina:—

“N.B., She died in Cadiz in the Month of August 1798 of a complicated dropsy of humours. She had been married to Don Miguel Sutton Conde de Clonard, from whom she had the following children, who all survived her, viz—a son, Don Raymundo de Soto—his father

having altered the family name from Sutton to de Soto. This son, as eldest, inherited the title of Count of Clonard and he married the Marquesa de la Granada, from whom he had several children. A daughter Dona Francisca de Soto, who married Dⁿ. Miguel Hungaro, & they have had one son. A son, Dⁿ. Nicholas de Soto. A third son and fourth child Dⁿ. Miguel de Soto who was a professed Augustinian friar in the Convent of Regla, near Rota, and since passed to Carracas, in Spanish America.”

² These three entries were made at a comparatively recent period, by Mr. Michael Langton, of Danville. In addition to the children of Nicholas Fitz Michael the Second above entered, there was another son, born subsequently, concerning whom the following record is made in the copy of the manuscript in the possession of Captain Langton:—

“My Grandson Nicholas Josef Langton was born the 13th April 1753, new stile, in the house of his father in Cadiz, Mr. Thomas Power was his Godfather. He was ordained secular Priest the 19th September 1779 & dyed the 16th January 1806, in Puerto Real. R. I. P.”